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1. During January, February, and March 1951, in order to get to work in Prague-Kyje, [redacted] which departed from the bus station near Masaryk Railroad Station each morning at 0555 for the town of Ricany /4959N-1439E/. The majority of the passengers were laborers and from conversations [redacted] they worked in the vicinity of Ricany for Baraba, a national corporation specializing in digging tunnels and moving earth. [redacted] the expressions "drilling for water", "blasting rock", "dynamiting", and "small rail tracks". [redacted] was doing some sort of construction which involved moving great volumes of earth somewhere in the mountainous region just north of Ricany, between that town and Bechovice /5005N-1437E/. 25X1
2. In October 1951, [redacted] a meeting of certain officials of the Ministry of Industry. The meeting dealt with metallurgical research and was presided over by the chairman of the UVR (Ustredi vedeckeho vyzkumu a technickeho rozvoje - Central Scientific and Technical Research Development), a doctor whose [redacted] do not remember. It seemed to me that nothing really important was said at that meeting. [redacted] from those seated around me "where our cyclotron was". There were some people there from the Institute of Physical Research, and they told me to "just wait until they finish it in Ricany. They are putting it underground". [redacted] conversations [redacted] on the bus and immediately connected the two. On succeeding bus trips, [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] Baraba was constructing an underground installation and installing large electrical cables. Both at the meeting and on the bus, [redacted] construction at the project had been going on since sometime in 1950. 25X1

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- 25X1 3. [] it can be reasonably assumed that no nuclear research has been begun near Ricany, and all indications were that construction would still be going on. [] Czechoslovakia has no cyclotron and no atomic pile. Radioactive studies were being conducted at the Radiological Division of the Institute of Physical Research in Prague. 25X1
- 25X1 4. [] but it is possible that Dr (fnu) Behounek is acting as technical advisor of the project near Ricany. Dr Behounek was an able physicist at Charles University, and an expert on cosmic rays. Other men who might have been connected with the Ricany project are Dr Bohumil Machek, and Dr (fnu) Valouch, both physicists at Charles University.
- 25X1 5. [] the Ricany project is completely in Czech hands and that the Soviets have had nothing to do with it. On the contrary, it is common knowledge that the Soviets do not encourage research in the CSR, particularly in the field of nuclear energy. Allegedly the work at Ricany had been a "bone of contention" between Prague and Moscow, but [] the Soviets, in order to mollify the Czechs, outraged over the export of all their uranium, allowed the Czechs to carry on the work near Ricany, but without any support or aid from the USSR. The Soviets, on the other hand, hastened to take advantage of any concrete results from research work in nuclear energy, so that their program will not lag behind that of the Czechs. This policy is generally true in all research done in Czechoslovakia. The Soviets offer no support for research, but when something new is discovered they grab the idea and haul it back to the Soviet Union. 25X1

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